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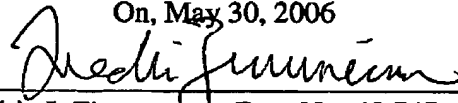
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THEREOF**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Further to the Office Action of December 28, 2005, Applicant submits an  
Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 on May 30, 2006, and hereby petitions the  
Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing the reply  
in the above identified application for two (2) months to May 28, 2006, including a fee  
under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1). Please note, May 28<sup>th</sup> was a Sunday and May 29, 2006, was  
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